1.   (Amended)   A method for recovering from a failure of a computer system, comprising:

collecting state information of the system, the state information including hard disk state <u>data</u>, registry state <u>data</u> and at least one instruction for launching at least one restore program;

writing the state information to a medium in a defined format;

reading the state information from the medium, <u>automatically configuring a hard disk based on the hard disk state,</u> and providing a restoration environment [therefrom]; and

launching the at least one restore program.

25.   (Amended)   A method for backing up a computer system for subsequent restoration, comprising:

collecting restore information, including hard disk configuration information, registry information, a catalog of unchangeable files and at least one instruction for launching at least one restore program; and

recording <u>at least part of</u> the restore information to at least one medium<u>, the restore information written to a file structured in a defined format</u>.

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34. (Amended) A method for restoring a computer system, comprising:

reading restore information <u>from a file structured in a defined format</u>, the restore information including saved hard disk configuration information, registry information, a catalog of unchangeable files and at least one instruction for launching at least one restore program; and

restoring the computer system by configuring at least part of the system based on the restore information, and by executing the at least one instruction.